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Senator Tom Coburn  
Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management,  
Government Information, and International Security  
340 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Coburn:

We are responding to your recent request for information regarding our institution's experience regarding congressional appropriations. Loma Linda University Adventist Health Sciences Center is a not-for profit academic health center including a health sciences university, medical center, behavioral medicine center, and faculty practice plan. We are a faith-based institution with a commitment to service in healthcare throughout the nation and the world.

Over the last twenty years, Congress has provided funding for an innovative proton beam accelerator that has led to effective, cutting-edge cancer treatments for thousands of patients and improved radiation safety for the astronauts of the U.S. Space Program. The world's first clinically-based proton treatment center at Loma Linda University Medical Center has become the national (and international) standard and spawned breakthroughs in cancer research and care here and at such other institutions that followed in this model initiative including Harvard - Mass General, MD Anderson, University of Florida, Indiana University, and others. We have also received funding to research and develop laser technology to assist in the seismic retrofit necessary to improve the structural safety of hospitals located in the earthquake zones of the Pacific Coast and to improve the coordination and delivery of emergency medicine and trauma services for the U.S. Army and public safety agencies serving one-quarter of the land area of the State of California.

We are proud to represent our National commitments in Afghanistan. At the request of the Afghan Minister of Health, and with the support of USAID, we are refurbishing the Wazir Akbar Kahn Hospital (WAKH) and initiating the start-up program for managing and providing health care delivery in Kabul. We are designing the system for sustainable health care for that nation, as well as providing medical education, and clinical care in the region – a task we initially began over 40 years ago.

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FACULTY MEDICAL GROUP • FACULTY PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS • AND OTHER AFFILIATED ENTITIES

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The funding that we have received is a matter of public record. The funds have been utilized with full accounting to agencies of the federal government including the Department of Defense, Department of Energy, USAID and NASA. Our success in providing excellent delivery, on time and at cost, has been noted in a DOE award, DOD acknowledgements, and USAID press reports. The projects funded with federal awards have been or are in the process of faithful performance to the conditions of the awards. We have nothing further to add to our record of performance.

Our institution is proud to provide service to our nation and the world through healthcare technologies developed with funding from Congress and are grateful for the opportunity to do so.

Sincerely,



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President